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1. THE AUSTRIAN DC-9 WITH THE TERRORISTS AND THEIR HOSTAGES ABOARD WHICH ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI AT ABOUT 1800 GMT LAST NIGHT RETURNED TO ALGIERS AFTER ABOUT FIVE HOURS ON THE GROUND.

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2. FOLLOWING IS ACCOUNT APPEARING IN PRESS TODAY OF

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LAST NIGHT'S EVENTS. BEGIN TEXT: NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOW UNDERWAY AT TRIPOLI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WITH THE FEDAYEEN WHO CARRIED OUT THE OPERATION AT THE OPEC HEADQUARTERS IN VIENNA. THEIR DC-9 AIRCRAFT HAD LANDED AT TRIPOLI AIRPORT AT ABOUT 20:00 IN THE EVENING YESTERDAY CARRYING THE FEDAYEEN AND THE HOSTAGES, WHO ARE IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. THE FEDAYEEN ASKED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AT TRIPOLI AIRPORT THAT SAUDI ARABIA OR IRAQ RROVIDE THEM WITH A 707 AIRCRAFT AND THAT IT COME IMMEDIATELY TO TRIPOLI TO TRANSPORT THEM. THE CORRESPONDENT OF THE LIBYAN NEWS AGENCY HAS LEARNED THAT BOTH OF THE GOVERNMENTS IN QUESTION WERE CONTACTED AND INFORMED OF THE DEMANDS OF THE FEDAYEEN.

AS A RESULT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE WITH THE FEDAYEEN, THE ALGERIAN OIL MINISTER AND THE LIBYAN OIL MINISTER WERE RELEASED TOGETHER WITH A MEMBER OF THE LIBYAN DELEGATION AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE FOLLOWING DELEGATIONS: (1) TWO FROM SAUDI ARABIA; (2) ONE FROM IRAN; (3) ONE FROM THE UAE; (4) ONE FROM QATAR.

THE LAR ASKED IN ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FEDAYEEN THAT THE LIVES OF THE REMAINING HOSTAGES BEING HELD IN THE PLANE BE SAFEGUARDED. THE FEDAYEEN STRESSED THAT THEY DID NOT INTEND TO TAKE THE LIFE OF ANY INDIVIDUAL AND THAT THEIR GOALS WERE COMPLETELY POLITICAL. THE LIBYAN NEWS AGENCY HAS LEARNED THAT THE HEALTH OF ALL THE HOSTAGES IS VERY GOOD. THE FEDAYEEN HAVE NOT REVELAED ANY SPECIFIC DEMANDS DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE TAKING PLACE WITH THEM EXCEPT THAT THEY HAVE STRESSED THAT THEIR GOAL IS COMPLETELY POLITICAL--AS HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR BY THEIR REQUEST THAT THEIR POLITICAL COMMUNIQUE BE BROADCAST AND PUBLISHED. THE LAR AGREED TO THIS. THE CORRESPONDENT OF THE LIBYAN NEWS AGENCY HAS ALSO LEARNED THAT THE FEDAYEEN INTEND TO GO TO BAGHDAD. END TEXT.

3. ALONG WITH TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE, PUBLISHED WITHOUT COMMENT, THE PRESS TODAY CARRIES A PHOTO AND BIOGRAPHY
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OF THE LIBYAN OFFICIAL KILLED DURING THE VIENNA ATTACK, YOUSSEF IZMIRLI. HIS DEATH IS SAID TO HAVE "RESULTED FROM THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES." THERE IS NO CRITICISM OF THE TERRORISTS. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, IZMARLI WAS BOTH AN OFFICIAL OF THE OPEC SECRETARIATE (SINCE 1971) AND A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE PETROLEUM MINISTRY. HE HAD PARTICIPATED IN ALL THE OPEC NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, AND WILL BE HARD TO REPLACE

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4. IZMIRLI WAS MARRIED TO AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, AND HAD TWO SMALL CHILDREN. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WERE WITH HIM IN VIENNA ON THEIR WAY BACK TO THE U.S. FOR THE HOLIDAY, AND THAT MRS. IZIRLI IS TO ACCOMPANY THE BODY BACK TO TRIPOLI LATER TODAY. THE EMERGENCY ADDRESS WE HAVE FOR MRS. MELVINA IZMIRLI IN THE U.S. IS THAT OF HER MOTHER, MRS. VIRGINIA SHORE, 5301 S. PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, CUDAHY, WISCONSIN. ON HER RETURN TO TRIPOLI, CHARGE WILL OFFER CONDOLENCES AND ANY HELP WE CAN PROVIDE.
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